

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7-9 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display, comprising:
a pair of substrates provided opposite to each other;
a liquid crystal sealed between the substrates;
a light-shielding film formed like ~~grids~~ a grid on one of the substrates;
a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding film; and
a pillar spacer provided such that a region having an alignment defect of the liquid crystal is formed across adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of one of the substrate. ~~substrates~~.

2. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that parts of the region having an alignment defect formed respectively in the adjoining pixel regions are substantially equal to each other in surface area.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light-shielding film into the adjoining pixel regions when viewed in the direction perpendicular to the surface of one of the substrate. ~~substrates~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in different colors.

5. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in the same color.

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 5, wherein the same color is blue.

7. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ one of the ~~substrate~~ substrates has a thin film transistor formed in each of the pixel regions.

8. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, further comprising an alignment film formed on the pillar spacer and rubbed in a predetermined rubbing direction, wherein the pillar spacer is provided in a position that is

biased in the direction opposite to the rubbing direction from ~~the~~ an intersection of the light-shielding film.

9. (Currently Amended) A substrate for a liquid crystal display, comprising:

a light-shielding film formed like ~~grids~~ a grid on a base substrate;

a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding film; and

a pillar spacer which is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light shielding film into adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the base substrate.